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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS PROGRAM - DR. NELSON GEIGEL

1. UNIVERSIDAD SIMON BOLIVAR (USB) HAS REQUESTED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR DR. NELSON GEIGEL, PROFESSOR/RESEARCHER AT THE INSTITUTE FOR URBAN STUDIES. DR. GEIGEL IS A FORMER GRANTEE (FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM).

2. LAST SEPTEMBER USB INITATED AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CURRICULUM IN URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN, AND GEIGEL IS TRAVELING ON AN OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY MISSION TO (A) ESTABLISH UNIVERSITY AFFILIATIONS AND EXCHANGES; (B) CONTRACT U.S. PROFESSORS FOR ONE OR MORE ACADEMIC YEARS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS: URBAN SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL CHANGE, URBAN STRUCTURE, DECISION THEORY, POLICY PLANNING, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING. (THE PROFESSORS SHOULD HOLD A PH.D. OR BE PH.D. CANDIDATES AND SPEAK SPANISH); (C) INVITE A NUMBER OF LEADING ACADEMICIANS TO VISIT USB FOR ONE OR TWO TRIMESTERS TO GIVE CLASSES AND LECTURES; (D) ARRANGE FOR EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS AND UNIVERSITY CATALOGS.

3. FOLLOWING IS GEIGEL'S ITINERARY: SAN FRANCISCO, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, BOSTON, NEW YORK, ETA SAN FRANCISCO MAY 26, AT FOLLOWING ADDRESS: RICHMOND PARK 21 AVENUE NO. 600, TEL. 387-0188. DESIRES APPOINTMENT MAY 27 AND 28 AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELY, WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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PROF. WILLIAM ALONSO, URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT. ON

MAY 29 TO VANCOUVER TO ATTEND UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT, MAY 31-JUNE 11. SINCE UNDECIDED IF HE WILL ATTEND ENTIRE CONFERENCE, GEIGEL WOULD COMMUNICATE BY PHONE WITH CU/IVP PROGRAM OFFICER TO SUPPLY WASHINGTON ARRIVAL DATE. HE WOULD LIKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

(A) WASHINGTON, D.C.: GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
-PROF. DORN C. MCGRATH, DEPT. URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING; WORLD WILDLIFE FUND - THOMAS LOVEJOY, TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH PROJECT ON COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN VENEZUELA (LOVEJOY IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO GEIGEL); COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - LEE TALBOT, SENIOR SCIENTIST (KNOWS TALBOT PERSONALLY) TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO IUCN; (B) BOSTON: M.I.T.
- LARRY SUSKIND, DEPT. URBAN STUDIES; HARVARD UNIVERSITY - WILLIAM DOEBELE, DEPT. URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING; (C) NEW YORK: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY - DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF URBAN PLANNING. IF ANY OF THE PROFESSORS AT THE ABOVE UNIVERSITIES SHOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE, HE WOULD APPRECIATE TALKING TO OTHER DEPARTMENT MEMBERS.

4. POST RECOMMENDS CONSULTATION OF CIES ROSTER OF PROFESSORS SEEKING LATIN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AFFILIATIONS IN THE FIELDS LISTED. GEIGEL IS AWARE OF LATF PROGRAM WHICH HAS HAD SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGES AT USB.

5. BIODATA: BORN IN CARACAS, DECEMBER 4, 1940, GEIGEL IS A LAW GRADUATE OF UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA ANDRES BELLO, CARACAS. HOLDS TWO MASTER'S DEGREES FROM HARVARD - IN LAW (U.S. GOVERNMENT GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP, 1968) AND IN CITY PLANNING, 1970. PREVIOUS POSITIONS INCLUDE ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF CORDIPLAN (VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT CENTRAL PLANNING OFFICE), 1970-71; HEAD OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH TEAM ON LEGAL-INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF URBAN PLANNING IN VENEZUELA, SPONSORED BY UN/CORDIPLAN, 1971-72. AMONG OTHERS, HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENTED VENEZUELA AT THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES: REHOUOT CONFERENCE ON URBAN DESIGN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ISRAEL, 1971; UN CONFERENCE ON LAND USE, MADRID, 1971; UN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT, STOCKHOLM, 1972; ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE, ZAIRE, 1975. IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND URBAN PLANNING

AND DRAFTER OF VENEZUELAN LEGISLATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.

6. CLEARANCES OBTAINED. GEIGEL WAS ACCORDED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN DECEMBER 1974.

7. APPRECIATE CABLED REPLY WITH NAMES AND TELEPHONE OF PERSONS GEIGEL SHOULD CONTACT IN SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON.
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